



# The Torch

The official newsletter for Indiana state employees

## ***Tornado at beginning of week, floods at the end***

## **Camp Atterbury survives double whammy**

The timing of the tornado was not just the difference between day and night – it was the difference between life and death. Camp Atterbury was struck by a tornado at 9:41 p.m. June 3. And by striking at night instead of morning, several lives were probably saved, according to Camp Atterbury State Resource Program Manager Bill Ochsner.



*The tornado left a path of destruction in its wake.*

The tornado hit 15 trailers, destroying all of them, and totaled 13 buildings on the base. But since it was night, no one was in the trailers and few were in the buildings. And that made the difference between rescue and recovery.

Jim Engelking, Maintenance Supervisor, watched the tornado go by his house and then head three blocks away to Camp Atterbury. Moments later he was called into action. His first step was to get his employees onto camp as soon as possible. Their first concern: checking out the buildings occupied with people. David Randall, a maintenance repairman, lives in Jennings County, the furthest away of any of Engelking's staff. Randall picked up one of the other crewmembers and they made their way to Camp.

Once on the grounds, "we walked in the dark, using only our flashlights, checking for damages and downed power lines and turning off gas to the buildings," he said. Randall said it took three guys nearly 2½ hours to assess

the damages and prevent additional problems from occurring. Engelking sent the three workers home around 5 a.m., as the regular shift workers were due in at 6 a.m. Those workers picked up where Randall and his group left off – cleaning up the debris caused by the tornado. In all, there were state employees, Title 10 soldiers and inmate labor all cleaning up from the aftermath of the tornado that touched down at Camp Atterbury.

Larry Decker, a maintenance plumber, was on vacation when the tornado hit, but he heard about it from his daughter. When he returned to work, he said that most everything was in its place, but "the trailers were gone, severely damaged vehicles were settled where buildings once were; it was orderly, but a whole new world," he said.

Staff Sgt. Joe Watkins, a state employee currently on military leave, is assigned to Camp Atterbury (His wife is in the Indiana National

Guard and his son is currently deployed to Iraq). A heavy equipment operator, Watkins said the damages done by the tornado made his job a bit more difficult than normal. "We received our orders and began the monotony of picking up what was left of the trailers and buildings," he said. "Overall, things went pretty smoothly."

Ochsner said the trailers housed classrooms, health services, offices and a library. The tornado's path narrowly missed the recently re-sided chapel and its new stained glass windows. But the meditation area and gazebo were destroyed. Still, that was just the first of

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*Westphalia residents stopped for a picture with Governor Daniels during his trip to flood-damaged areas in south central Indiana.*

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## Camp Atterbury survives

two disasters to strike Camp Atterbury within a week's time. The tornado hit Tuesday evening; the floods came rolling in Friday.

Engelking said the floods came in Friday evening and the local news media reported that Edinburgh was nearly 11 inches under water. Much of that water made its way onto Camp Atterbury.

As a result, some of the target ranges were left sitting in five feet of flood water. Two of the ranges, according to Rick Yarger, program coordinator of the ranges, were full of water.

On Saturday, following Friday's flooding, workers were on the ranges trying to assess damages and one worker said he needed help to get the lifters off the ranges. But before help could get to him,

the water came rolling in and he was trapped for two hours before he could be rescued.

Once the waters receded, workers used fire hoses to powerwash the caked-on mud, river sludge and other debris from the targets.

Then they drilled holes in each of the targets to drain the water. If they find it necessary to replace the two ranges, Yarger estimates it would be somewhere around \$400,000.

"The flooding of our ranges is a tremendous problem," he said. "The



*Indiana National Guard members clean up what once were office trailers.*

Marines that are here training, this is their last chance to train before they are shipped out. We want to make sure they get all the necessary training and the flooding hinders our efforts." In spite of the flooded ranges, the Marines continued to train until they left Camp Atterbury for Iraq.

## Storms wreak havoc at home and work for state employees

It's been said that rain falls on the just and the unjust and the recent tornadoes and rains have certainly proven the accuracy of that adage.

Bill Ragsdale, a Field Examiner Supervisor with the State Board of Accounts, made it to work on Monday morning (June 2) at his office above the town hall in Bloomfield. However, the town's clerk treasurer suggested Ragsdale find another place to work because all the roads leading to and from Bloomfield were about to be closed. Moments later, the town hall was closed.

It seems water was coming from all directions. He made it home eventually, but not without detouring along the way. Water covered most of the highways, back roads and fields, making it difficult to determine where to drive.

A fellow Field Examiner Supervisor, Kerry Fleming, had a similar experience with his office. Housed in the basement of the Franklin city hall, Fleming's office was flooded when city sewers backed

up into the toilets. He and others in the office had to wade around in 1½ ft. of raw sewage in an attempt to salvage necessary documents. The basement also housed city records for Franklin. The contents of the basement were removed and loaded into two big dumpsters. For now, he is working out of other satellite offices across the southern part of the state.

Dave Bursten, Public Information Officer for the Indiana State Police, took it on the chin at home. His home flooded on May 30, taking on 14½" of water. He spent most of the first week of June at home, trying to clean up his property from the damaging waters.

A tornado hit within one mile of Jason Lee's house on Tuesday, June 3. Lee is a conservation officer for DNR, assigned to Brown County. While he did not get called out that night, he responded anyway. The tornado hit around 9:40 p.m. and he worked until around 4 a.m., routing traffic away from downed power lines, closed roads, etc.

At one point, an ambulance needed to get down Beech Tree Road, but fallen trees prevented its access. So Lee, a couple of volunteer firefighters and some private citizens fired up their chainsaws and cut a path for the ambulance. It took them about three hours before the road was cleared for the vehicle. "What surprised me was how many people, both emergency responders and private citizens, showed up with chain saws and other equipment to help," said Lee. "No one asked them, they just showed up, ready to work." The first two tractors on the scene were from private citizens. They were used to remove debris off the roadway.

Once the tornado passed, the floods followed. Because of his familiarity with Brown County, Lee knew where it was most likely to flood in the county. He headed with his DNR-issued boat to Trevlac, where Bean Blossom Creek comes into Lake Lemon (and where it often floods). There they rescued stranded families. The water had rushed in so fast,

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# AUGUST 6-17, 2008



## ★★INDIANA STATE FAIR★★ HOOSIER LOTTERY GRANDSTAND



**JESSICA SIMPSON**

★★★ AUGUST 7 ★★★



**CARRIE UNDERWOOD**

with special guest Keith Anderson

★★★ AUGUST 8 ★★★



**DAUGHTRY**

with special guest Virgin Millionaires

★★★ AUGUST 9 ★★★



**BACKSTREET BOYS**

with special guest Girlicious

★★★ AUGUST 10 ★★★

*Presented by Voice.TV*  
Free with Voucher!



**CORBIN BLEU**

with special guest Justin Stein

★★★ AUGUST 11 ★★★



**SUGARLAND**

with special guest Joe Nichols

★★★ AUGUST 12 ★★★



**GARRISON KEILLOR'S**  
PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION  
"THE RHUBARB TOUR"

with special guest Suzy Bogguss

★★★ AUGUST 13 ★★★



**INDIANA STATE FAIR**  
DEMOLITION DERBY  
& FIREWORKS

presented by Lucas Oil

★★★ AUGUST 17 ★★★

### PLUS...

August 6: TripToCollege.org Band Day

August 14: Hoosier Lottery Millionaire Show - FREE

August 16: Cheerleading Competition

### August 14 - State Employee Day! ★ ★

Show your State Employee Identification Badge at the gate for your FREE admission to the State Fair! Employees who do not have a State of Indiana Identification Badge can present a current paycheck stub and photo identification at the gate.

\*\*\* For tickets, call the Indiana State Fair Box Office at (317) 927-1482, stop by any Ticketmaster location or call charge-by-phone at (317) 239-5151. All paid concert tickets to the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand include Fair admission.

[www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com)

# June classifieds

## Please respect the following rules when submitting items:

- Ads are limited to state employees only.
- Contact information must include either a phone number with area code (home or cell, no state numbers) or a home e-mail address.
- Submit ads via e-mail to [spdcommunications@spd.in.gov](mailto:spdcommunications@spd.in.gov), information must be included in the body of the e-mail, no photos or attachments. No bold or italic type, no ALL CAPS.
- Limit one ad per employee per issue; each ad has a limit of three items.
- Deadline is the 10th of the month prior to the next issue.
- If garage sale, need to list times, date, street address and town.
- No selling of animals; but will list "free" animals.
- No real estate, for sale or rent, including mobile homes, manufactured housing, timeshares, etc.
- No Avon, Mary Kay, vitamins, etc.
- No businesses or professional services (i.e., tax preparation, car repair, etc.).
- Ads will run for one issue only.
- State Personnel Department staff reserves the right to edit and/or refuse any ads.

Marcy platinum weight bench; 300-lb weights; very good condition. \$450 obo. ProForm Crosswalk 325X treadmill; incline, digital, pulse monitor. \$250 obo. Call 317-730-0156.

First Years Double Electric breast pump; still in the box. \$50. E-mail [tmdavidson81@comcast.net](mailto:tmdavidson81@comcast.net)

Sony 24" Wega Triniton TV. \$250 obo. Sony Surround Sound System; receiver, subwoofer, center speaker, front & rear speakers w/stands, remote control, speaker wires, & Sony 5 disc CD player. \$350. Gateway 17" LCD/HD widescreen computer monitor; less than 6 months old. \$175. Call Jason, 219-406-8359, leave msg w/ contact info.

Window fan; 21" tall, adjusts from 27-36" wide, sturdy metal unit, 3 speeds & reversible, mounts w/ 4 screws. \$45. E-mail [daxler@onemain.com](mailto:daxler@onemain.com)

5 Hankook Dynapro AT P235/75R17 tires; original equipment on 2004 Ford F-150 4x4,

less than 500 mi. on tires. \$250. Call 812-988-9717.

One-year-old male Beagle w/ shots. Call Carol, 317-887-9614.

Huge variety of Elvis memorabilia (Bradford plates, white wine, dolls, lamp etc); Avon & Precious Moments collections. Call 317-352-1426.

7'x16' 2-axle box trailer; \$1,000. 10" Ryobi table saw w/outfeed & side extension; \$300. RBI thickness planer w/ attachments. \$600. Call 317-892-4101 or e-mail [rwsmith@pkfamily.com](mailto:rwsmith@pkfamily.com)

CTM HS 580 mobility scooter; variable speed, forward/reverse, basket, headlight, charger, rear view mirror, adjustable seat, very good condition. \$530. Freedom Carrier w/ loading ramp, folds flat on back of vehicle when not in use, used three times. \$230. Call 574-735-0096.

Baby changing table w/ 2 storage shelves; natural wood. \$20. Greatland tent w/ screen porch & carrying bag; 16'x15' w/ 6.5' center height, detachable room, sleeps 7-8, brand new. \$85. White Blues Jeans sewing machine. \$20. E-mail [domers70@hotmail.com](mailto:domers70@hotmail.com) or call 317-418-0761 (NE side, Castleton).

Sony component stereo system w/ 5 speaker surround sound; never used. Leave message, 317-903-8434.

Norditrac elliptical machine; several exercise programs & fan. \$475. Bowflex Home Gym. \$500 or obo. Call 317-823-9447 or e-mail at [nahrb@msn.com](mailto:nahrb@msn.com)

2001 Harley Davidson Sportster 883 Hugger; black, spoke wheels, very clean, 6K mi. \$5,200 obo. Bike in Indpls. Contact Phil, 219-614-4762 or [praskosky@comcast.net](mailto:praskosky@comcast.net).

4 boxes paper- & hardback books; assorted authors, mostly mysteries. \$30 or \$10 per box. 48"x35" double pedestal oak laminate table; great condition. \$35. Contact Rose, 317-809-2604 or [attila23@mindspring.com](mailto:attila23@mindspring.com)

Youth golf club set w/ golf bag & stand; slightly used, ages 7-12 depending on size; drivers 1, 3 & 4 hybrid; irons 8/9, pitch/sand wedge, putter. \$65. Canning jars, 12 qt or pt, \$4 per case (8-10 cases); antique Ball clear & blue qt jars \$.75-1.75 ea. Old reel mower, works but blade needs sharpening. \$10. Call

Ron, 765-654-6070.

2005 Honda Metropolitan Scooter; practical & fun, 49 cc engine, automatic, key start, like new, runs great, 2-tone blue/white, 1100 mi. \$1,190. Call 317-535-8804.

Jenny Lind crib w/ Serta mattress; pink, excellent condition. \$135. 2 sky lights, 21 1/2 x 46 1/4. \$40. Sprint car parts; fuel cell & large & small wings. \$90. Call Rick, 765-653-9544.

Window fan w/expanders; 3 speed, Holmes squirrel cage blower. \$20, Wayne 1/3 HP pedestal sump pump for 12" or larger pit. \$40. Large dog kennel/play pen; 17x17x4'; aluminum frame & fence, double door. \$340. Call 317-738-2991.

2005 GT Zaskar Expert mountain bike; new, men's med. frame. \$950. Call 317-331-3568.

Holiday refrigerator w/ top freezer, Kenmore top-load washer, Frigidaire electric dryer; all white; Indy west side. \$50 ea. E-mail [Nathan.braveswin@hotmail.com](mailto:Nathan.braveswin@hotmail.com)

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that people were caught off guard and as a result, were not able to evacuate on their own. Lee and his co-workers evacuated about 40 families from the area.

Later the next day, he was dispatched to Columbus. He launched his boat from the parking lot of Long John Silver's and set out to rescue people from the Eastbrook Plaza area. Some of the families were rescued from the roofs of their houses.

That mission complete, Lee was next called to Morgan County where he participated in a search and rescue mission and from there went to Jackson County. He spent 24 hours working the floods there and was able to help rescue two fellow officers from their overturned boats. That mission behind him, he got two hours of sleep and was sent back to Morgan County, where he pulled out a drowning victim.

Like many of his fellow officers, and several state employees across the state, sleep was a premium for Lee. But the goodness that he saw in those offering their help was enough to keep him motivated. "When everybody comes together for a common purpose, it is really refreshing," says Lee.



## Spot bonus offers instant reward

Dave Wade is the latest state employee to benefit from going the extra mile. Wade, a Physical Plant Director responsible for one-third of the 72 facilities under the jurisdiction of the Adjutant General's Office, recently received a spot bonus award.

Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger praised Wade's "quick response to get to Muscatatuck (Urban Training Center) following the June 3 tornado, and thereby saved any further destruction that could have happened when the rains came just a few days later. His quick thinking prevented our buildings from having further damage."

## Halt! Who goes there?

New security measures will be operational by Monday, July 21 at both the north and south Indiana Government Center (IGC) buildings. As a result, public entrances will be limited to:

- **South:** 302 W. Washington St. (eastern-most Washington St. entrance).
- **North:** Robert D. Orr Plaza (center set of doors).

Both entrances will be equipped with metal detectors and screening devices, similar to what is in place at the Statehouse. State employees may use their access cards to enter at any IGC door consistent with their access card credentials. Anyone without a security access card, even those who forget their card, must enter at the public entrance.

Employees will not need their access cards to move between the two IGC buildings via the tunnels. However, entrance to the tunnel between IGCS and One North Capitol will require an access card.

Contact the Access Control Office at 317- 234-3875 with questions about access cards or visit [www2.idoa.state.in.us/ac.o](http://www2.idoa.state.in.us/ac.o).

Spot bonuses continue to be hailed as a great opportunity to reward employees. Maj. Gen. Umbarger recognizes the program's value. "We like to show our appreciation to our employees for their efforts and spot bonuses are one of the best ways we can do that," he said.



*Pictured above are Dave Wade, left, with Maj. Gen. Umbarger.*

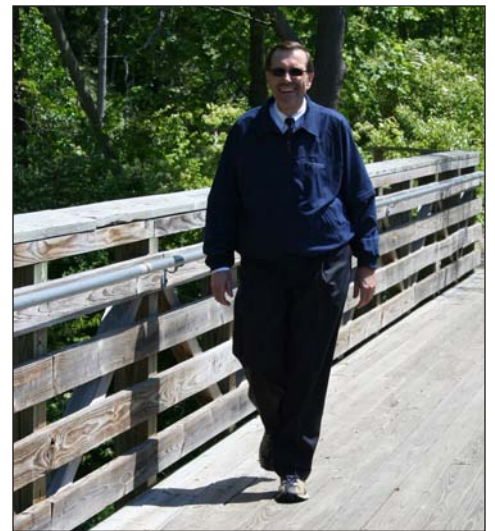
## For Carolyn

Carolyn Davis passed away on May 28, 2008. She worked in the Employee Relations Division of the State Personnel Department and was part of the SPD family nearly 16 years. She was loved and respected by everyone. Her warmth, her humor, her smiles are greatly missed. This drawing is dedicated to her.

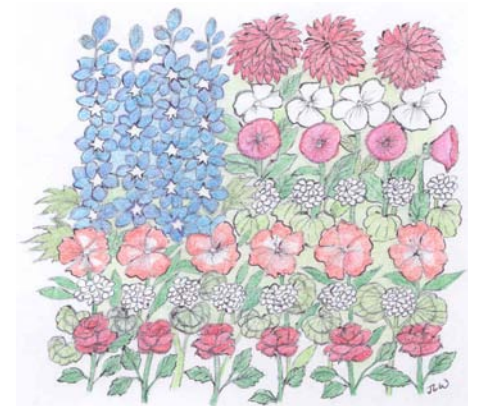
**Jerry Williams**  
State Personnel  
Department



## Logansport State Hospital



*In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, Logansport State Hospital's (LSH) Community Services Department sponsored a "Walk for Mental Health." Not only did several LSH employees participate, but members of the Logansport community also showed support for the event. May is national Mental Health Awareness month. Pictured right, Paul Brock, LSH Superintendent, struts his stuff along River Bluff Trail.*



*Original artwork by Jerry Williams*



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## BMV offers virtual license branch

The Indiana BMV has launched a new, virtual license branch, myBMV, which allows you to securely access BMV services online. Imagine renewing vehicle registrations, ordering a driver record or reserving a personalized license plate from anywhere with just a few clicks of your mouse.

Options available through MyBMV (with more services coming soon) include:

- Renew vehicle registrations online (receive a \$5 discount).
- Order a driver record or certified driver record.
- Reserve a personalized license plate or re-reserve a personalized license plate.
- Order a duplicate title.
- Review the information in your personal record.
- Update your insurance information or mailing address.
- Sign up for e-mail reminders for your driver license or registration expiration dates and other news.

Sign up for your account today. It's fast, secure and easy to use:

- Go to **MyBMV.com** or **MyBMV.IN.gov**.
- Click "Create a MyBMV Account."
- Enter your Indiana driver license number or identification card and the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Follow the secure set-up process to validate your account and access your information.

## Carpooling shares the ride and the cost

Gas prices got you concerned? Sign up with the Central Indiana Commuter Service and share the ride. Contact them at (317) 324-RIDE (7433), or toll-free at 888-737-RIDE (7433). Visit CICS' Web site at [www.centralincommuter.net](http://www.centralincommuter.net) or e-mail them at [info@centralincommuter.net](mailto:info@centralincommuter.net).

## Second Quit to Win offers prizes

State employees seeking to quit smoking now have an extra financial motivation with the second annual "Quit 2 Win" contest – about \$5,000 worth of incentives.

Prizes totaling \$5,000 will be provided to the top three winners by Indianapolis Woman magazine. The grand prize winner, who successfully quits smoking from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and whose name is randomly drawn, will receive \$2,500. Second and third place winners will receive \$1,500 and \$1,000, respectively.

To sign up for the "Quit 2 Win" contest, entrants must be at least 18 years of age, a legal resident of Indiana and a regular user of tobacco. In addition to signing up online at [www.inshape.IN.gov](http://www.inshape.IN.gov), people can register wherever a "Quit 2 Win" sign-up box is located.

The "Quit 2 Win" boxes will be at located at many county fairs and festivals, as well as major events such as Indiana Black Expo's Summer Celebration, the Indiana State Fair and the concerts at the White Lies.tv Lawn at White River State Park.



Last year, more than 5,000 people signed up for the first "Quit 2 Win" contest.

According to Karla S. Sneegas, Executive Director of Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, this year's contest will focus on encouraging people to quit using one of three methods:

- Seek medical advice on quitting from a health care provider
- Call the state's free tobacco quit line – 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) and seek help from a trained quit coach
- Contact the local ITPC-affiliated coalition in their community – [www.itpc.in.gov](http://www.itpc.in.gov).

The contest is open to anyone, so state workers are encouraged to spread to word to friends and family members.

## Indy Indians offer deals on last two home games

There are two Indianapolis Indians home games available at discounted rates for state employees. Both are Saturday games and start at 7 p.m. On July 12, the Indians take on the Toledo Mud Hens and the Famous Chicken will perform. Then on Aug. 30, it's the Louisville Bats. This game is the home finale, boasting its annual Downtown SkyConcert and Shirt Off the Back Night.



To order your tickets, contact Matt Guay at 317-269-3545 ext. 250, e-mail [mguay@IndyIndians.com](mailto:mguay@IndyIndians.com) or print ticket forms at [www.in.gov/spd/2439.htm](http://www.in.gov/spd/2439.htm).